

Before My King Devotional

A Worship Reflection by Anthony L. Mathis

Devotion Preparation

- **Pray** – Ask for guidance
- **Read** – Revelation 7:15–17
- **Listen** – “Before My King” by A.L. Mathis Music

Dwelling in His Presence: A Glimpse of Glory

Scripture Focus – Revelation 7:15–17 (NKJV):

“Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Devotional Insight

Imagine that scene! No more hunger, no more thirst, no more oppressive heat. Every tear wiped away. This isn't just a hopeful wish; it's a divine promise. It's a promise of intimate, unending communion with God, where His very presence provides all comfort and sustenance. The Lamb, Jesus Himself, will be our Shepherd, leading us to springs of life.

Lyrics of Longing [Verse 1]

*“I want to touch the wounds that took away my shame
Look into the eyes that bared my pain
I want to see the mouth that spoke the word
Touch the ears where my prayers are heard”*

This isn't just about escaping suffering; it's about drawing near to the One who suffered for us. It's a desire to connect with the very essence of His sacrifice, His compassion, and His power. We long to see the scars that brought us healing, to look into the eyes that bore our burdens, and to hear the voice that spoke our freedom. We yearn to know that the One to whom we pour out our hearts truly hears us.



A Joyful Response [Chorus]

*"I want to dance and I want to sing
And I want to praise before my King
I want to lift my arms and bring
A joyful noise before my King"*

This isn't a somber, reverent stillness. This is exuberant, unrestrained worship! It's the natural outflow of a heart overwhelmed by grace, a soul finally free to express its profound gratitude. When we truly grasp the depth of His love and the magnitude of His salvation, our response can only be to dance, sing, and praise with all our might.

A Vision of Eternity

*"I want to dance with angels around His throne
I want to lift my voice in a glorifying song
I want to see the beginning and the end
I want to feel His Light against my skin"*

This speaks to the ultimate unity we will experience with all of creation in glorifying God. We won't just be spectators; we'll be participants in the grand, eternal chorus of praise. To "see the beginning and the end" is to grasp the full scope of God's sovereign plan, His faithfulness through all time. And to "feel His Light against my skin" is the deepest longing for His tangible presence, a complete immersion in His glory.

Reflection Questions

- How does the promise in Revelation 7:15–17 give you comfort today?
- Can you relate to "touch the wounds that took away my shame" and "look into the eyes that bared my pain" in your own spiritual journey?
- What emotions does the idea of "dancing with angels around His throne" evoke in you? How can you bring a taste of that joyful praise into your life now?

*"O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise unto the
rock of our salvation."
– Psalm 95:1*
